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### BUSINESS TRAINING AT THE UNIVERSITY.

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Beginning in September the University of Texas will offer a course in Business Training, with two instructors in charge. At the head of the school will be Professor Spurgeon Bell who graduated from the University just ten years ago. Mr. Bell, who is a son of a Baptist minister, came to the University from Blanco. With very little financial aid from his father, he completed his course in the institution in four years. He then taught school, studied in the University of Chicago, served as member of the commission that revised the census of the United States, edited a financial journal, spent a year as financial expert for the city of Chicago, and then taught the subjects relating to finance in the University of Missouri. His special work in the University of Texas will be to furnish young men with such information as will better fit them for business careers in their own State.

## **NEW SCIENCE IN THE OLD KITCHEN.**

When a special building was erected on the University of Texas campus at Austin for the teaching of domestic science, every class room was at once filled to overflowing with eager students. During the past summer the building has been enlarged and two additional teachers have been employed. Next year three instructors will devote their entire time to teaching Texas girls the best methods of home sanitation and home decoration, as well as the best methods of preparing and serving foods.

Much of the work will be especially adapted to persons who wish to teach home economics. The department realizes that the girl who goes into the country to teach usually will not find gas ranges and running water and porcelain sinks.

A country kitchen therefore has been provided, furnished with a wood stove and a water bucket from which water may be lifted in a dipper. Such teachers as are preparing to supply rural schools will be required to use this country kitchen in their work, so that when they come into actual contact with such conditions they will be equipped to meet them. More and more, college people are coming to recognize that whatever relates to the comfort and happiness of the majority of people should be taught and learned in the University. Surely the question of proper home-keeping deserves the attention it is receiving.

## FREE ILLUSTRATED LECTURES.

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The University of Texas is supported by the taxes of all the people, and in return hopes to serve all the people throughout the State, not confining itself to such persons as are able to attend its classes. The Extension Department endeavors earnestly to supply information on all conceivable topics to any who apply for it. All intelligent questions that are sent in are turned over to the various experts of the faculty and careful answers are sent back. In addition two rural school lecturers go into all parts of the State to encourage the building up of the rural schools, the improvement of school buildings, the increase of school taxes, the better organization of the course of study, and the wider use of the school as a social center. Ready-made lectures, accompanied by fine sets of lantern slides for illustration, have been prepared on art (five lectures), school buildings (two lectures), ornamentation of school and home grounds (one lecture), and these are sent out on loan to any responsible club or superintendent who wishes to use them. Several new sets of lectures are now under preparation.

If you would like to have one of these lectures, or would like advice as to how to make your school of most use to the people, write a letter to the Director of Extension and give the University the opportunity to help you.

### THREE PLUCKY BLIND BOYS.

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The doors of a free State University stand wide open to every ambitious boy and girl who has the will to obtain a college education. They are not closed even to the blind. Last session at the University of Texas three blind boys entered the Freshman class and at the end of the year ranked in scholarship among the first one hundred students of the Academic Department. One of these boys came from Houston, another came from Tioga, and the third came from Beeville. All three had been prepared for the University at the State Blind Institute, also a free institution located at Austin. The three blind boys were conducted from class to class by kind-hearted comrades and instructors; they took notes of lectures in a special kind of shorthand invented for the blind; and at night they wrote up these notes neatly on the typewriter.

They lived throughout the year at Brackenridge Hall where board is cheap. They joined freely in the sports and jokes of their companions. Now and then some of the students read aloud to them the lessons for the next day. At the end of the year all three stood among the best of their class, and next year they will return to go on with their college education.

## LOAN LIBRARIES.

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The Extension Department of the University of Texas, through its Division of Public Speaking and Debate, attempts to encourage intelligent public discussion and debate, both in schools and out of them. Many bulletins have been issued giving advice with regard to the organization of debating clubs, and giving lists of references for reading and preparation for debate on a large number of topics. A number of loan libraries, on a large number of important subjects, such as prohibition, woman suffrage, initiative and referendum, prison reform, compulsory education, the commission form of city government, municipal ownership of public utilities, and the tariff and free raw material, have been prepared and are being loaned, free of charge, to such clubs as request them. Under the direction of Professor Shurter, the Debating and Declamation League of Texas Schools has been organized and two very successful annual contests have been held. The plan of this league provides for a county interscholastic debate each year on some subject. The winners in each of these contests in each congressional district meet in a district contest. The winners in the district contest meet in a State contest. During the past year the initiative and referendum was the subject for discussion. For next year woman suffrage will be the topic of debate.

Does your school belong to this League? It is a great help in keeping the boys interested. Write and find out what your school must do to become a member. If you would like a loan library on one of the important topics mentioned above, or a bulletin containing a bibliography, write to the Extension Department.

## **THE THOUSAND CORRRE- SPONDENCE STUDENTS.**

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The Department of Extension was established with a view of making the University more directly useful to the great mass of people who are unable to attend it personally.

In the Correspondence Division, instruction is given to over one thousand students who can not attend the University in person. Courses of instruction are offered in particular fields of University work, and in many fields in which it is impossible to get instruction in High Schools, instruction is offered that is below University rank. By means of these courses, it is possible for one, without leaving his home or giving up his regular work, to improve his leisure time to prepare for University work, or to increase his efficiency by study of Literature, Languages, Botany, Economics, Zoology, Physics, Psychology, as well as all phases of Engineering, Law, and Pedagogy. The number of students has practically doubled each year in this Division and will, doubtless, soon mount into the tens of thousands.

Special courses have also been arranged for the benefit of teachers who wish to raise their certificates, and instruction is given in all subjects necessary to build to a First-Grade Certificate.

If you are interested in raising your certificate, if you care to increase your efficiency, or if you wish to prepare for University work, write for the catalog of the Extension Department.

## COLLECTING TEXAS HISTORY.

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The Texas State Historical Association was organized in 1897 to collect and publish material on the history of Texas and to stimulate interest in the State's remarkable past. Governor O. M. Roberts was its first president, and since his death it has numbered among its presidents Governor Lubbock, Judge Reagan, Dudley Wooten, and President Houston of the University of Texas. Judge A. W. Terrell is now president. Since 1897 it has published a Quarterly. Fifteen volumes of this have been completed, each volume containing from three hundred to three hundred and sixty pages. Much of the history of Texas has been rewritten in these pages, but articles are especially numerous on the Mission Period, the Revolution, and the period of Reconstruction. Perhaps the most interesting material contained in the Quarterly consists of the diaries and letters of famous old Texans who wrote down day by day their thrilling experiences and grinding hardships. From no other source can one gain such a vivid appreciation of the factors which have gone into the making of the State of today.

Since its beginning the Quarterly has been edited by a member of the School of History of the University of Texas; for thirteen years by Professor Garrison, and now by Professor Barker. It has been maintained by the dues paid by members of the Association, two dollars a year. It has no other means of support. No officer of the Association receives any salary or other remuneration. The Association is doing well a patriotic service, with no taint of selfishness. To continue its work it needs the help of everyone who is interested in the history of the State.

Persons wishing to join or who have in their possession old letters, diaries, etc., relating to Texas history should address the secretary of the Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas.

(In view of the patriotic public service which is being performed by the Association, and of the fact that no selfish interest is involved, it is hoped that the press will be willing to give publicity to the above announcement).